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Newsletter of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

**CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

Tuesday, January 17, 2012
5:30 – 7:30pm

Mounts Botanical Garden
531 North Military Trail
W Palm Beach FL 33415

Members are invited to attend and
participate.

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Palm Beach County Chapter

January Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 17

7:30 - 9:00 pm (doors open at 7)

Palm Beach County Extension - University of Florida/IFAS

Mounts Building Auditorium
531 North Military Trail,
West Palm Beach, FL 33415



CARNIVOROUS PLANTS OF FLORIDA

Michael Manna, Scientist, SFWMD

Michael has a B.S in Biology from Florida Atlantic University and has been working in restoration science in the Everglades for 13 years. He spends much of his time botanizing, hiking, canoeing and bird watching in the remote natural places where carnivorous native plants dwell. Wherever he travels globally, he searches for them and additionally cultivates many kinds in his backyard. Michael will be educating us about our interesting carnivorous plants during a photographic and hands on presentation at the Chapter meeting.

***Free Admission • Refreshments • Native Plant Raffle
Public Welcome • No Reservations Needed***

The Florida Native Plant Society promotes the preservation of our native flora through education and conservation. To attract wildlife, promote water conservation and prevent the further introduction of non-native pest plants, the society encourages the cultivation of nursery-propagated Florida native plants and promotes their use as ornamentals in public and private landscapes.

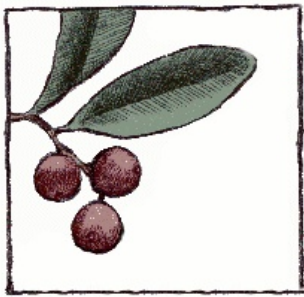
ANNOUNCEMENTS

As of the beginning of this year, there was a changing of the guard at Dahoon central. We send a heartfelt THANK YOU to LeRoy and Shari Rodgers for their dedication and support over the last few years in their role as your newsletter editors. We will miss their special touch... however, it is reported (from a reliable source), that we will see contributing articles from the Rodgers in upcoming issues. Good news! Since January has been a transition month, you will no doubt notice that this issue is somewhat condensed, but we will be back in full force next month covering your chapter news, events, native plant highlights, and much more... stay tuned!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The New Year is here. It presents new opportunities to help your FNPS Chapter to grow. Know lots about plants? Know more about motivating people? Or do you prefer to work with words and photographs? It doesn't matter, there's a role for you. Peruse the list below, think about what interests you the most, then contact me (except for the Director-at-Large vacancy) at palmbeach@fnpschapters.org or 561.247.3677 with your choice. Looking forward to 2012 – Brenda Mills

- **WEB PAGE:** We're looking to form an ad hoc committee to work with Matt King, web master, to brainstorm ideas and then gather information (written descriptions, pictures, web links, etc) to add to <http://palmbeach.fnpschapters.org/>. Volunteer commitment lasts until the committee is satisfied with new web page.
- **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE:** We are taking nominations for a vacant Director-at-Large position. Feel free to nominate your friend or yourself. We will vote at an upcoming meeting. Contact Kris Serbesoff-King, 561.707.2294.
- **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** To do our part to increase membership of the Society, we're looking to expand our membership activities. Some ideas are ready to implement immediately, while new ideas are also needed to expand our membership. If you're a people person or have experience with memberships, this could be your chance to help the Palm Beach Chapter. Dennis de Zeeuw, our current Chair, will continue helping with membership and providing guidance.
- **BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT MACARTHUR:** Volunteers to dig dirt, plant plants, and irrigate. The goal is to plant the garden in the next couple of months.
- **e4 SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2012** – sponsored by the City of West Palm Beach in conjunction with the Green Market at the waterfront commons. This is a one day event on February 25th from 8am to 2pm. The Palm Beach Chapter of FNP will interact with member of our community on the benefits of native plants, provide educational materials, and recruit new members. You'll be expected to help around 3 to 4 hours, then you can spend the rest of the day enjoying the market and summit.
- **AUDUBON'S 13TH ANNUAL EVERGLADES DAY FESTIVAL** Feb. 11– Mysteries of the Everglades – This is a free event open to the public held at Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. We're anticipating having a booth at the one-day event to reach out to our community. Details coming soon.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28 (Saturday) Field Trip: Pond Cypress Natural Area

Michael Manna, Scientist, SFWMD

If you are adventurous enough to get up close and personal with our native carnivorous plants, you won't want to miss getting your feet wet at Pond Cypress Natural Area on Saturday January 28th. The Pond Cypress Natural Area is located on the north side of Okeechobee Boulevard, just west of State Road 7 (U.S. 441), in unincorporated Palm Beach County. The natural area is a patchwork of high quality freshwater wetlands such as cypress swamps, marshes, and wet prairies interspersed with pine flatwoods. It also contains part of the headwaters of the Loxahatchee River, the only federally designated Wild and Scenic River in Florida. Because of its diversity of ecosystems, the natural area provides habitat for many species of animals, such as the anhinga, red-bellied woodpecker, wood duck, ground dove, red-shouldered hawk, American alligator and spadefoot toad. It also is used as a resting area by migratory birds. Listed species observed on the site include the limpkin, little blue heron, wood stork, snail kite, least tern, Florida sandhill crane, snowy egret, tricolored heron, and white ibis. Listed plant species observed on the site include: leather fern, pine pink, butterfly orchid, common, giant and reflexed wild pines, grass pink, and snowy orchids, Catesby's lily, nodding clubmoss, wild coco and blue butterwort. Other species recorded at the site include sweet bay, swamp lily, rattlesnake master, horned bladderwort, and sundew. We will meet at the entrance to the area at 9:00 am. Wear old shoes you can get wet and muddy as we may be walking through some water; you may additionally want to bring a snack, drink, camera, binoculars and bug spray. Michael can be reached at 561-686-8800 x4578 or you can call Lindy Cerar at 561-312-0660 for more information. See you then!

February 10 (Friday) Special viewing: "The Disappearing Pollinators"

Clayton Hutcheson Conference Complex 7 - 9pm
559 North Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

The movie "The Disappearing Pollinators" documenting the plight of bees will be shown. The movie's co-director, Maryam Heinen, will be making a special appearance to answer our questions. The event is jointly sponsored by the Rare Fruit Council, The Florida Beekeepers Association, Palm Beach Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society, and more. Please join us for this special evening event.

February 21 Meeting: What's Up at Grassy Waters Preserve?

Teri Jabour, Program Coordinator for GWP



Contributions Wanted

Your suggestions for content are welcomed.

We are always interested in original native plant articles, essays, field reports, photos, event announcements, or other articles of interest.

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Membership at a Glance

Business 6
Contributing 6
Donor or Family 31
Individual 110
Library 1
Life 2
Not for profit 4
Student 4
Supporting 2

Total 166

VOLUNTEER EVENT
Native Plant Demo Garden Maintenance
Saturday, January 21, 2012
9am – 12pm



Clayton Hutchenson Building
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Come help us tidy up our native display garden. Bring your hat, gloves, water, and hand tools.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our chapter has 166 members as of January 2, 2012. We have 2 new members in December. Warm welcomes to MARY LOU HALL and MARGOT SPICER.

18 memberships renewed or rejoined in December. Renewing or rejoining individual members are RUFINO OSORIO, DIANE BRADLEY, GLORIDA S HUNTER, CAROL ANN LOEHNDORF, JUDY TRAMELL, BILL WILSON, MARK EBERSOLD, VICTORIA LANG, MICHELE LUNDEEN, EILEEN MARTIN, JEFFREY NURGE, and THOMAS GIRE. Our renewing family members are SERRIN E. ANDERSON, BEN KOLSTAD & MARCELLA MUNSON, and CAROLYN R KALINICH. Our renewing business members are Native Creations Inc (GARY BARNETT). ANDREW GERREN renewed as a student member. The SERIALS DEPT of the Palm Beach County Public Library System renewed with a Library subscription.

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